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SUBJECT: PLACEMENT OF U-2 PHOTOS IN U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
UNCLASSIFIED DATA BANK

1. USGS WAS GIVEN COMPLETE SET OF PHOTOS TAKEN OVER GUATEMALA BY U-2 FOR USE BY THEIR EARTHQUAKE EXPERTS. UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES, USGS WOULD LIKE TO PLACE THE UNCLASSIFIED FILMS IN THE USGS DATA BANK IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA. IMAGERY FROM EROS AND ERTS PROGRAMS ARE ALSO LOCATED IN THEIR DATA BANK. IF THIS IS DONE, THE MATERIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE AT LOW COST TO UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
 2. IMAGERY WOULD NOT BE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS U-2 PHOTOGRAPHS. THEY WOULD BE DESCRIBED AS SIMPLY AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE.
 3. AS USE OF U-2 TO PROVIDE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF EARTHQUAKE-CAUSED DESTRUCTION HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED
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IN THE U.S., AND WE UNDERSTAND IN GUATEMALA, DEPARTMENT

HAS NO OBJECTION TO USGS PROPOSAL. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO
SEEK GOG APPROVAL.

4. OF POSSIBLE USE IN DISCUSSION WITH GOG IS IDEA
THAT READY AVAILABILITY OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS MAY
HELP U.S. INSTITUTIONS PROVIDE QUICKER AND MORE
ACCURATE INFORMATION FOR GOG IN VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS, I.E., FORESTRY.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY DESIRE TO UTILIZE U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY
IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS IDENTIFIED ONLY AS
HIGH ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY. KISSINGER

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